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SUBJECT: Transmittal of CIA/RR GR 59-16,
Recommended Unconventional-Warfare Areas
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REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record, Subject: Selection of
Areas Considered Most Feasible for Unconventional-
Warfare Purposes, dated 2 April 1957

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1. Transmitted herewith is a copy of the subject report which describes areas recommended for unconventional-warfare purposes in [REDACTED] subject to the qualifications contained in the text, and selected on the basis of a systematic evaluation of physical and cultural conditions.

2. This report contains: a. A brief general statement concerning the results of the application of appropriate feasibility criteria to the study area as a whole. b. A moderately detailed description of the individual areas.

3. The specific areas were selected with the guidance of the criteria set forth in the reference memorandum for the record, and a wide range of intelligence sources were drawn upon in the evaluation.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CENTRAL REFERENCE

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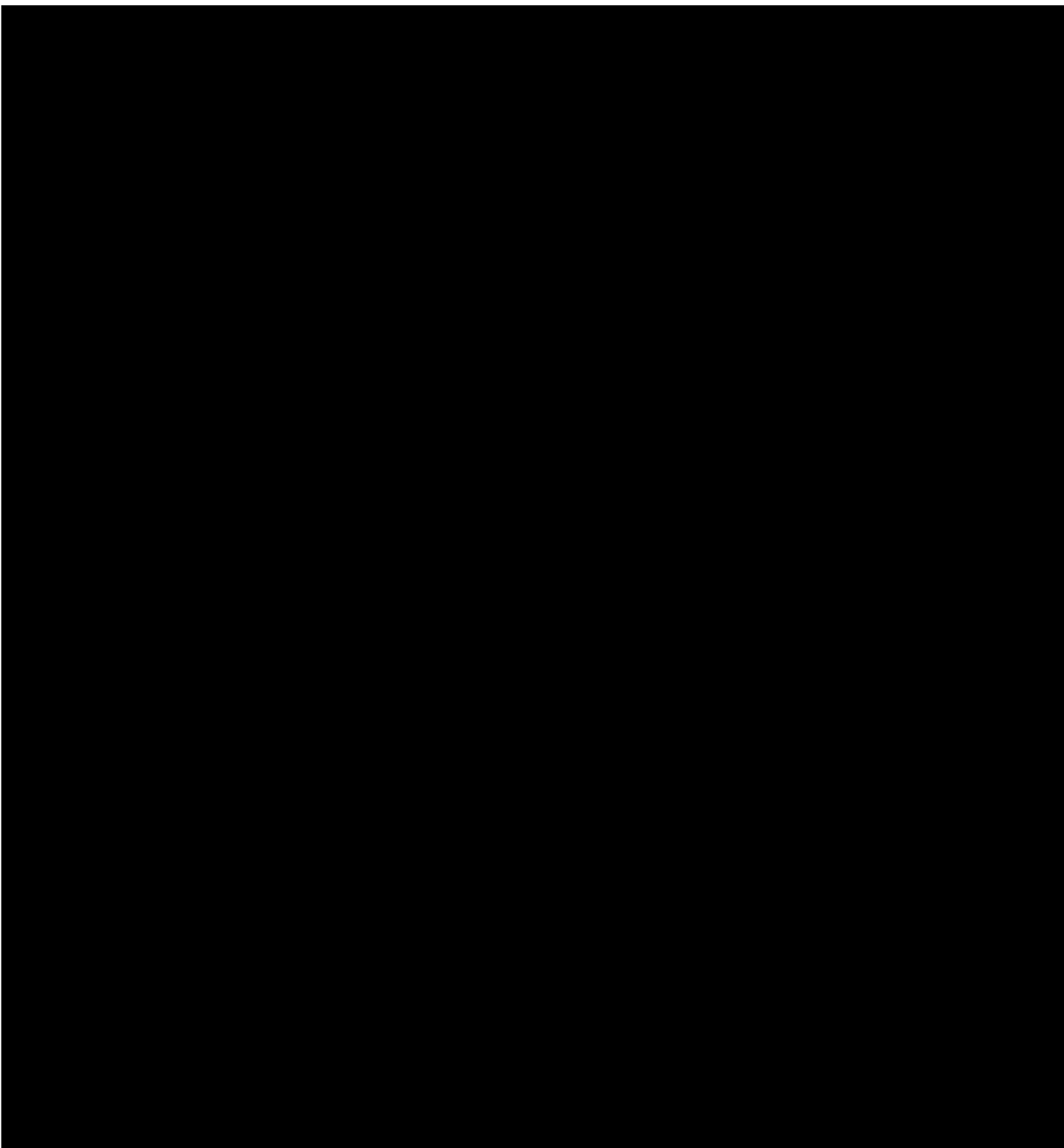
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Considerations in the Selection of UW Areas and
for the Intelligence Support of UW Operations

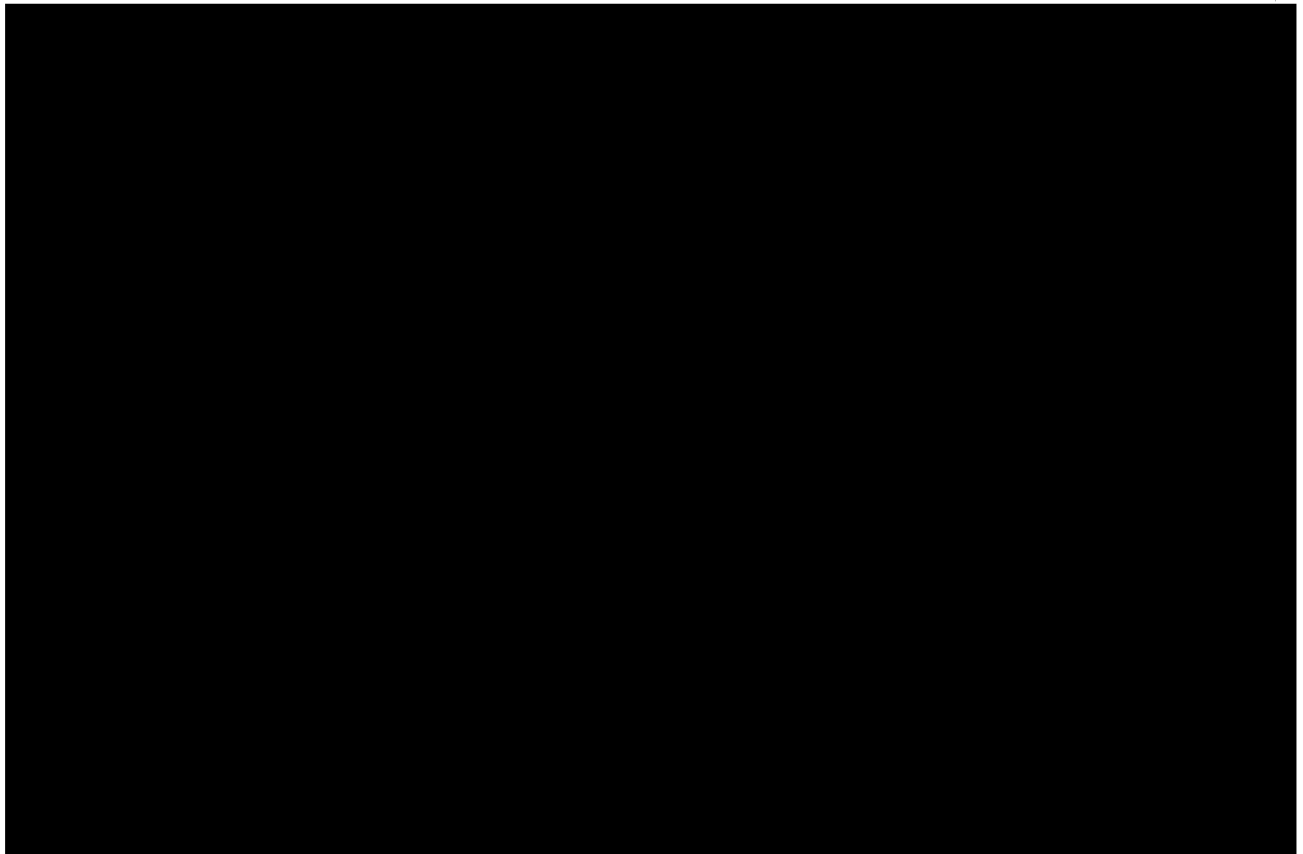
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1. The general considerations in the selection of the recommended areas:
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2. It should be clearly understood that many variables must be considered and that all factors are relative, especially in UW operations. No attempt has been made to delineate rigidly the type of UW operation that should be conducted within or from the recommended areas. The fact that some areas are described as primarily for E and E does not preclude their use for small-scale guerrilla warfare or as bases for saboteurs. Conversely, some of the multipurpose areas recommended are also the areas most suitable for E and E activities. Furthermore, the selection does not presume to include all possible UW areas, since the number was limited to a maximum set forth in the basic requirement.

3. It should be understood that this report was not influenced by the previous selection of UW and E and E areas by Joint or Service Headquarters and that the recommended areas were selected without reference to any current war plans or programs and capabilities of specific operational missions. Finally, and most important, the affects of possible nuclear fallout on the recommended areas were not examined in making the selections.

4. In summation, it should be emphasized that this report is a first phase intelligence study designed to assist in determining the most suitable areas for UW operations.

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It does not purport to provide the detailed current intelligence essential to successful UW operations. This report represents only a first step. After its coordination with and dissemination to the Unified and operational Commands concerned, it is anticipated that subsequent action may include the following:

- a. The alignment of Theater plans and Service requirements to permit a maximum utilization of the most suitable areas.
- b. A statement of the expected priority for the several types of UW activities, particularly as applied to multipurpose areas.
- c. The selection and analysis of additional UW areas that may be necessary to support Theater plans, or further analysis of the initially recommended areas as required for their expansion and full utilization.
- d. A review of the requirements placed on CIA, and a reappraisal of CIA capabilities, especially after the completion of the steps indicated in paragraphs a, b, and c above.
- e. Service action to obtain and disseminate detailed information on the UW areas in relation to approved war plans,

- f. Finally, the collation and production of operational intelligence in support of the UW areas and of other current requirements of Theater war plans. This last step could be most effectively accomplished by a coordinated CIA/Services joint effort.

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